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County commission to vote on sale of mills

Tony Roko and Richard Cox each had something special to be thankful for last week.

During an overflowing public meeting of the Wayne County Commission Committee on Public Services Nov. 26, committee members voted unanimously to send both Roko and Cox' proposals to purchase the Wilcox Mill and Newburgh Mill, respectively, to the full commission for a vote. Roko's plan for the historic Wilcox mill, built by Henry Ford and designed by famed architect Albert Kahn, restores the abandoned building to public use as an art education facility and studio.

Cox, of Northville, plans to transform the Newburgh Mill property in Livonia into a distillery and a coffee shop. Currently, the Newburgh Mill houses the Wayne County Sheriff Mounted Division which would be relocated to land being purchased by the county on Farmington Road in Westland, according to a spokesman. That sale, he added, is still under negotiation and has not been finalized.

County officials publicly announced the plan to sell the mills last year, noting the properties had been abandoned for decades and were falling into serious disrepair. The mills were built in 1922 by Henry Ford as part of his "village industries" program. Ford Motor Co. donated all three of the mills to Wayne County in the late 1940s but for decades both the Wilcox Mill and Phoenix Mill were used only for storage and eventually fenced off and abandoned, prior to the sale of the Phoenix property last year.

In announcing the plan for the sale of the sites, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans said the county did not have the

funds to maintain or renovate the abandoned properties.

Roko, 49, is a Plymouth resident and a graduate of the Plymouth-Canton schools. He has a national reputation for his innovative art and has done commissions for several serious collectors across the country and his art is owned by several celebrities. He began his career on the line at Ford Motor Co. after graduating from Canton High School. His artistic talent was soon discovered by supervisors and nurtured by corporate management, who assigned him numerous art projects throughout the plants. He has also completed several art commissions for the auto manufacturer and was recently awarded a commission as part of the restoration of the former Michigan Central Train Station in Detroit.

He said he was both relieved and happy after the committee members agreed to send the plan for his Art Foundation center to the full commission for consideration. He said he has been interested in the 5,500 square-foot building for nearly two decades as a perfect site for an art studio. Currently, Roko's Art Foundation provides art education to disadvantaged youth in a studio in the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC). He said that he and his partner in the foundation, Greg Hoffman, have a vision for the abandoned and derelict mill.

"I'm relieved," he said after the committee meeting last week. "I think the commissioners voted in the way that their constituents expected them to."

Roko and supporters of the Art Foundation sale noted that the mill building is boarded up, fenced and off limits to the pub-



The current Wilcox Mill has not been used for decades.



Artist's rendering of plan for Wilcox Mill renovation.

lic and has served as a dumping ground for 70 years.

"A historic site is important, but it can't be our financial priority," Evans said earlier this year about the plan to sell several unused county properties. "Those mills either die a slow death or become a part of a turnaround, which is a public-private partnership." Roko has reportedly offered a bid in the mid-\$300,000 range for the building and the 3.4-acres of property.

The bid for Newburgh Mill is in the \$400,000 range, but no confirmation on the sales amounts was forthcoming.

During the meeting, members of the Save Hines Park group expressed their objections to the potential sale of the properties. Nancy Darga, a former member of the Northville City Council and retired chief of design for the Wayne County parks, said the vote by the commissioners was a betrayal of voters who continue to approve taxes to support the parks.

"We've been betrayed by the commissioners who we have given \$250 million to take care of the parks," Darga said. She and

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School district to request \$275 million bond issue

Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt stressed that the bond, if approved by voters, would not require any increase to the current district millage.

Members of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education have approved a \$275 million bond request for the March 10 ballot next year.

Superintendent of Schools Monica Merritt stressed that the bond, if approved by voters, would not require any increase to the current district millage rate of 4.02 mills.

The bond proposal was approved following 12 months of research and input from district officials, members of the community and professional consultants and includes projects to be completed in all school buildings during the next 10 years.

Executive Director of

Student Services Kurt Tyszkiewicz said the proposed repairs and renovations would ensure that students are "warm, dry and safe then they enter our buildings."

Tyszkiewicz said the bond would help refresh the district technology by adding an innovation hub that would cater to students interested in artificial intelligence, virtual reality and other classes that will be "essential during the next 10 years or so."

Merritt said the bond approval would allow the district to fund enhancements to each of the 24 district school buildings and bring equity to the facilities. She said the bond improvements would help make the district competitive and keep students from switching to charter or out-of-district schools.

Only board trustee John Lazarowicz voted against the proposal which met with enthusiasm from the remainder of the board members.

In encouraging the board to approve the proposed millage, Merritt stressed the need to maintain the strong reputation of the Plymouth-Canton district.

"When you think about the strengths of a community, we always say the cornerstone is a strong school system," she said. "There are few opportunities we have to finance these much needed projects and this bond is one opportunity to do so. It's a responsible way for us to remain competitive and to give our students what they need and deserve in order to succeed."

The district last requested a bond in 2013 which was approved by a wide margin of voters.

Northville upgrades police body, patrol car cameras

The cameras make officers more accountable. They realize their actions and words are being recorded.

Those interacting with police officers in Northville should be on their best behavior as they are now on camera.

The Northville City Police Department has upgraded patrol car vehicle cameras and each officer on patrol now wears a camera that records both audio and video of every encounter. While citizens are not expressly told they are being recorded on video during the encounter with officers, a red light goes on when the camera is active.

Members of the Northville City Council approved the purchase of six vehicle cameras

and 13 body-worn cameras, along with an internal on-site server for video storage and high-tech software. The new equipment had been tested for several months prior to purchase and was initiated in October.

The cameras provide greater transparency of police interactions, officials noted. They are also used in training

sessions for officers to show the do's and don'ts of handling various encounters.

"The cameras make officers more accountable," said Northville City Police Department Chief Alan Maciag. "They realize their actions and words are being recorded. It helps with citizen complaints to have video and audio of an incident. It gives us

a first-hand account of what happened."

Vehicle cameras take video of the scene directly in front of the vehicle and simultaneously capture a panoramic view of the front, without the need to switch settings. Another view is taken of the back seat. The previously used technology did not provide panoramic views, which contain more detailed information about the setting and activity, officials noted.

The vehicle and body-worn cameras are synced - both in the vehicle and when viewing

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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS

Romulus OK’s re-zoning for new trucking facility

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

Another trucking facility could come to a vacant parcel on Ecorse Road in Romulus.

Members of the city council approved a request last week to rezone a 10-acre site between Inkster and Middle Belt roads from light industrial use to industrial transportation uses. Peter Zelos, an architect representing the potential buyer, said the sale would be contingent upon the rezoning.

The plan would be to establish a trucking facility on site, along with an 8,000-square-foot dis-

patch and truck repair facility. There would be space for about 30 trucks and or trailers to be parked on the site, he said.

“It’s open to the public, but its primary purpose is to service their own trucks,” he said. “The rest of the site is basically truck/trailer storage.”

The site is located just west of Birchdale Street, a residential neighborhood, but Zelos said the industrial transportation use requires additional landscaping between it and any residential uses. There would 100 feet of landscaping between the two properties, he added, that would include any retention basins.

Even though it is residential, this zoning has taken over a good-sized area of that residential zoning.

“There’s also going to be a barrier, as well,” he said. “They won’t be able to see into it.”

He also pointed out that the new use is consistent with other recent developments.

“Even though it is residential, this zoning has taken over a good-sized area of that residential zoning. We’re in full compliance with the future land use map,” he

said. “We’re well within an area that is planned to be [this zoning] in the future.”

The council voted 6-1 on the rezoning, with Virginia Williams casting the lone negative vote. She said she was concerned that there were other similar businesses in the area.

“If you’re going to hurt the businesses that are already

there-that’s my concern,” she said. “Those businesses have been there and they’re offering some of the same things you are going to offer to the general public.”

Zelos said that would be a small part of the operation, however.

“They’re not competing with anyone else,” he said. “If someone comes looking for a repair, they won’t turn them away, but their primary focus will be to service their own trucks.”

The project will be sent back to the planning commission for site plan review before any final approval.

Laurain to lead county police chiefs association

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Gregory M. Laurain will serve as the new president of the Wayne County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Laurain was sworn into his new leadership role by 34th District Court Judge David M. Parrott during a meeting of the executive board of the association at the Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College District in Belleville.

Laurain has served in several capacities with the association executive board, including terms as vice president and as secretary.

Also taking the oath of office were Michigan State Police Captain Tom Deasy as treasurer; Livonia Police Chief Curtis Caid as past president, Plymouth Director of Public Safety/Police Chief Al Cox as secretary, Westland Chief Jeff Jedrusik as sergeant at arms and Northville Chief Al Maciag as vice president. Laurain will represent member police chiefs, directors and executive-level law enforcement professionals across Wayne County during his term.

“It is an honor to serve in the position,”



Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain

said Laurain. “I look forward to carrying on the mission and goals of the organization. We will continue to provide our collective advice and take strong stances on any issue affecting law enforcement in Wayne County.”

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INVITATION TO BID
ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received, opened and read aloud, by Romulus Community Schools at the District Administration Building located at 36540 Grant Rd., Romulus, MI 48174 no later than 1:00 PM local time on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 for the following work:

Romulus High School - Cafeteria flooring replacement 9650 Wayne Rd, Romulus MI 48174

Romulus Middle School - Cafeteria Flooring Replacement 37300 Wick Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

HaleCreek Elementary - Cafeteria Flooring Replacement 16200 Harrison Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

Barth Elementary - Cafeteria Flooring Replacement 38207 Barth St, Romulus, MI 48174

Wick Elementary - Cafeteria Flooring Replacement 36900 Wick Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

All bids shall be submitted online at:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/55a1292ff1a96708004a19dc>

Please contact jared.marinelli@bartonmalow.com with any questions.

The School Board will not accept any bid submitted after the indicated due time and date. Bidders will be required to submit with their Bid Proposals a Bid Security by a qualified surety authorized to do business in the state where the Projects is located. All Bid Proposals shall be accompanied by the following two forms: Familial Disclosure Form (in accordance with MCL 380.1267) and an Iran Economic Sanctions Act Form (in compliance with Michigan Public Act No. 517 of 2012). Bid Proposals that do not include these two sworn and notarized forms shall not be accepted.

CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 19/20-17 2020 Chevrolet 3500 Low Cab 150" Truck Chassis With Morgan Dry Freight Van Body or Department Approved Alternates

The City of Romulus is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet 3500 Low Cab Forward Gas 2WD Regular Cab 150" Truck Chassis with Dry Freight Van Body or department approved alternates as specified in the solicitation documents.

- Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (<http://www.mitn.info/>). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.
- Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.
- A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, 1/7/2020. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the ITB documents.
- At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received bids will be publicly opened and read.
- The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the ITB documents and copies of all required endorsements.
- The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.
- For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.
- The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 2019
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174
The City Council Regular Meeting was Called to Order at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Virginia Williams.

Excused: Celeste Roscoe, Eva Webb.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacey Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Chief of Staff Julie Wojtylko, Deputy Clerk Robin Underwood.

1. Agenda

Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to accept the Agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

2. Minutes

A. Res. #19-336 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** for approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on November 4, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #19337 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Special Study Session Meeting held on November 4, 2019.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

3. Petitioner- None.

4. Chairperson’s Report, John Barden, Mayor ProTem

Res. #19338 Motion by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a Special Tribute Resolution to the family of the late Don H. Barden in recognition of posthumous Secondary Street Naming Ceremony to be held on November 14, 2019 in the City of Detroit. A special tribute renaming Lyndon Street to Don H. Barden Street.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

5. Mayor’s Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Mayor Burcroff addressed the City and Council regarding the City’s Cemetery and recognized Jan Lemmon, Chair of the Cemetery Board. A framed commemorative U.S. flag and Certificate of Appreciation was presented to retired Romulus employee, Tim Keyes.

A video of current events was delivered by Jazmine Danci, Director of Marketing and Community Development.

A. Res. #19339 Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to concur with administration and consent to Piggyback on MiDeal Contract #07B7700181 with Gorno Ford to purchase of Two (2) Ford F250 Pick - Up Trucks for the Department of Public Works with a total amount of \$60,085.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #19340 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to concur with the administration and introduce Budget Amendment 19/20-09 to carry over the program income from last fiscal year (6-30-19) and recognize additional repayment of liens.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant				
Expense				
252-000-844.000	Program Income (PI) Expense	5,000	12,225	17,225
Revenue				
252-000-683.000	Repayment of Liens (PI Revenue)	5,000	4,700	9,700
Fund Balance				
252-000-390.000	Fund Balance	32,865	(7,525)	25,340

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

6. Clerk’s Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Res. #19341 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Special Meeting Request from Merrie Druyor, Director of Authorities for DDA and TIFA for December 9, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer’s Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

An announcement by Treasurer Stacy Paige that kindly reminds citizens of the upcoming Winter Tax Bills which will be distributed by December 1st. Treasurer Paige stated that the Winter Tax bill is for Wayne County taxes.

8. Public Comment

One resident addressed the legislative body regarding the donation of turkeys to Helping Hands.

9. Unfinished Business

Mayor Burcroff addressed the Council and Community with special recognition of a phenomenal job well-done by the Romulus Police, Fire and DPW departments during the winter storm, yesterday, which dumped approximately 9 inches of snow in the city.

10. New Business

Res. #19-342 Motion by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to approve a Memorial Resolution for Ginny Smith, (Virginia Mae Smith), retired Romulus Community School District Teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. WARRANT

A. Res. #19-343 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Warrant #1921; Checks presented in the amount of \$2,171,810.63.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

B. Res. #19344 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Warrant #1921E; Checks presented in the amount of \$1,325.00.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

11. Communication – Councilwomen: Abdo, Talley and Williams spoke during Communications.

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes Abdo, Barden, Talley, Wadsworth, Williams.

Nays None.

Motion Carried Unanimously

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes of the **Regular Meeting** of the Romulus City Council held on **Tuesday, November 12, 2019.**

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg
Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

CANTON - INKSTER

Can we talk? Gift of Life launches minority education effort

Jerome Espy was talking about the need for organ, tissue and eye donors at an event last year when heard a familiar phrase:

“Oh no, I’m not doing that. I’m taking my organs with me.”

Espy, who received a donated kidney about a year ago, said it was an important reminder of common thoughts and myths regarding organ and tissue donation and the subsequent need for the Let’s Talk campaign initiated this year by Gift of Life Michigan and the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program foundation (MOTTEP).

“I know those kinds of attitudes exist in our community,” said Espy. “That’s why ‘Let’s Talk’ is important.”

The Let’s Talk Campaign is the first Gift of Life Michigan multicultural campaign designed to increase awareness of the need for more donors in multicultural communities, dispel common misconceptions about organ, tissue and eye donation, and to help people make informed decisions about the process. Espy, along with Gift of Life ambassadors, community advocates and influencers, got together recently to talk about its successes and to discuss its future.

Remonia Chapman, Gift of Life community outreach manager and director of MOTTEP, said the Let’s Talk program has made progress throughout the year, reaching out to the African American, Arabic American and Hispanic American population in Michigan through community events, social media campaigns, dialogue circles, educational videos and televised public service announcements.

“It is critical that we encourage conversations about the importance of organ and tissue donation in order to positively impact our communities,” she said. “It is our belief that increased dialogue will lead to increased awareness. Awareness will lead to the action that will save and transform more lives - that’s our commitment to our community.”

Still, more education is needed. Terra Defoe, a liaison for Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan’s office, spoke to the common misconception that hospital staff will not work as hard to save patients if they know they are registered organ, eye and tissue donors. Her son Emilio became a donor at the

age of 24, despite feverish attempts to save him, bringing him back to life seven times during a 10-hour heart procedure.

“There are people in our African American community who feel that organ donation isn’t important. You’d be surprised by how many people do say those things and not realize what they’re saying,” she said. “We have to have these conversations. We have to have them in our community. We have to put everything else aside and talk about life. This is what’s important.”

It’s also important, she said, to have those conversations earlier. She urged people to discuss the issue when they get together with family or friends, even though it may be a difficult subject.

“We miss this opportunity to have the conversation with the younger generation until our sons are lying in a hospital bed and the doctor says: ‘He needs a kidney. We have to find a match.’ We have to get engaged now. We have to have these conversations now,” Defoe said.

“We argue and fight about everything stupid thing around us, but here you have something that can help somebody else-and



Terra Defoe, a liaison for Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan’s office, speaks to the audience at a recent Let’s Talk campaign of Gift of Life Michigan.

yet we don’t want to have that conversation,” she added. “We don’t have the conversation about life and preserving life. There’s never going to be a perfect time. We all know that. But we all know someone who can be an influencer in our family or in our circle and just have the conversation.”

The community can get involved in 2020 by:

- talking to your loved ones about organ and tissue donation
- signing up to be a donor and encourage others to sign up
- visiting GOLM.ORG/LET-STALK to join the conversation
- sharing the message on social networks using the hashtags #LetsTalk and #GiftOfLifeMich

“If you don’t have conversa-

tions with people, you never break down barriers or help them understand what’s going on,” added Rico Razo, who is also a liaison with the Detroit mayor’s office.

For more information about the Let’s Talk initiative or to find ways to get involved, visit www.golm.org/lets-talk.

Gift of Life Michigan is a federally designated organ procurement organization that serves the state of Michigan as the intermediary between donors, their families and hospital staff. In collaboration with Eversight, Gift of Life provides all services necessary for organ, eye and tissue donation. For more information, or to sign up on the Donor Registry, visit www.golm.org or call (866) 500-5801.

Canton Library to host annual ‘Snow Spree’ event

Whether you smile at the first sight of snow or are counting the days until spring, Canton Public Library has plenty of reasons to celebrate winter.



The library will host the annual Winter Snow Spree from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. Outdoor activities include rides on the Canton Express train and pictures with a reindeer. To warm up, there will be hot chocolate and crafts inside.

“The Winter Snow Spree is a chance for our community to come together and celebrate all things winter,” said Youth

Services Librarian Whitney Jones. “We hope that attendees will enjoy time spent with family and friends while making some special new memories.”

The Spree is sponsored by Primrose School of Canton. No registration required. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Visit www.cantonpl.org or call (734) 397-0999 for library information.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2019 for the following:

FENCING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR

Proposals may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at <https://www.bid-netdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship> or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of proposal opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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DETAILS:
This year's party will be held this Saturday, December 7th at the Summit on the Park. Guests will enjoy a lovely plated dinner before they hit the dance floor while DJ Diana plays requests such as the YMCA, Cupid Shuffle and a host of Christmas classics.

WANT TO HELP MORE?
If you'd like to help out the Leisure Club group outside of the holiday party, you can donate to their fund through the Canton Community Foundation. You can donate at the link below - be sure to choose the Leisure Club Fund under the fund list.

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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Festival fallout

Blues, Brews and Barbeque funds presented to local charities, groups

While thousands of people enjoyed Blues Brews and Barbeque in Westland this year, hundreds more will benefit from the event.

Recently, Mayor William R. Wild presented checks for more than \$20,000 to 16 local community organizations, funded by the Blues, Brews and Barbeque festival. To date, the event has generated a total of nearly \$250,000 for local charitable organizations during the nine years it has taken place in the community.

The checks were presented to the volunteer organizations during a regular meeting of the members of the city council last month.

“I want to thank all of our volunteers, the participating restaurants, our sponsors and the performers and, of course, the Westland Chamber of Commerce for another remarkable event,” said Wild. “This signature event attracts thousands of people from Westland and surrounding communities, but its only possible because of the help of our amazing civic group volunteers.”

The 16 community organizations received donations from the event include: Friends of the Library, Gateway Family Worship Center, Inspire Theater, Norwayne Community Citizens Council, Norwayne Boxing Club, St. John's Episcopal Church, Westland Civitans, Westland Democratic Club, Westland Fire Fighters Public Awareness Committee, Westland Grange, Westland Area Jaycees, Westland Lions Club, Westland Rotary, Westland Youth Assistance and the Westland Youth Athletic Association.



Mayor William R. Wild presented donation checks generated at the Blues, Brews and Barbeque event this year to representatives of 16 community groups last week.

The local organizations provided the volunteer manpower at the Blues, Brews and Barbeque festival. Volunteers from the community groups served as greeters, worked as the grounds crew and checked identifications, along with a variety of other roles in an effort to cost effectively operate the annual event, according to officials.

“Being able to give back to the organizations and volunteers in the form of a check is a wonderful feeling because we know that these funds will help the Westland civic groups do great things within the community,” commented Chamber of Commerce CEO Gretchen Heinicke. “It is my pleasure to work with the volunteers and I appreciate all that they do during the event and within the Westland community.”

Next year, Blues, Brews and BBQ will take place Aug. 7 and 8 in the city.

Legislator speaks to Rotary club

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

State Rep. Kevin Coleman, who represents both Wayne and Westland in the Michigan Legislature, said he is well aware that Michigan roads are in bad shape. Coleman, a freshman Democrat, told Westland Rotarians recently an “us vs. them” mentality between metropolitan Detroit and the rest of Michigan is part of the problem.

Rotarian John Albrecht pointed out how much better roads are in northern Michigan. Coleman, a former Westland City Council member and first-term state representative, noted a budget stalemate in Lansing, partly due to partisan differences.

He has worked with former State Rep. Bob Kosowski, a Westland Democrat, and others to understand budget issues.

Coleman said, “I’m not big on tax credits” which he believes can unfairly benefit businesses. He found the Federal-Mogul situation different which prompted him to write that for his first bill.

Coleman noted the Federal-Mogul firm went through business transition. Tenneco bought Federal-Mogul with a split into two companies.

Coleman believes that transaction benefited Michigan both with jobs and money “and made sure the company that’s based in Michigan would be able to collect.”

With some state legislators away Up North for hunting, Coleman, not among them, said he wishes to help the Wayne-Westland Community Schools more in the coming months.

Coleman noted his and others’ concerns as well about money and services for Michigan children with autism. Coleman taught music to autistic children.



Close shave?

The faces of the Wayne Police Department have changed and will be changing again this month as several officers shave for the first time in several weeks. The department-wide facial hair was obvious evidence of the officers' participation in Movember, a campaign that urges men to grow mustaches, and beards, to raise awareness of men's health and part of the Movember Foundation. Last year, through pledges and donations, the Wayne Police Department raised \$2,600 for the foundation and this year set a goal of \$3,000 for the month-long campaign. At last report, the campaign had generated more than \$2,000 but no final total was available at press time.

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Calendar of events

Wayne County Lightfest returns

The Wayne County Annual Lightfest has returned for the holiday season and will be open through Tuesday, Dec. 31. The display will be closed only on Christmas Day.

The 5-mile lightfest drive offers colorful displays and at the end, visitors can stop and visit Santa's Shelter for refreshments and photos.

For more information, call (734) 261-1990. The fee to drive through the spectacular display is \$5 per vehicle.

On Dec. 10 and 17, visitors can donate a new unwrapped toy in lieu of paying the entrance fee.

Romulus will light holiday tree

The official lighting of the Romulus Christmas tree will take place at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 6 at Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. and there will be vendors on site with hot cocoa, food and snacks. A Christmas carol sing-along is planned and photos with Santa will be available for 47 each or two for \$12.

Guests are asked to bring nonperishable food donations for the Stuff the Bus campaign to help Romulus Helping Hand.

For more information, call the Romulus Recreation Department at (734) 941-8665.

Cookie Walk and Bazaar set

St. Mary Café in Wayne will host the annual Christmas Cookie Walk and Bazaar from noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 7.

Featured again this year will be homemade cookies; candy; cakes; nut breads; scones by Mike; wood crafts; jewelry; hand painted wine bottles with lights; homemade soaps and lotions; paintings; recipe jars; cake pops; protein powder mixes; Wayne-Westland Junior Miss poinsettias; The Plant Lady-succulents; Robert's Popcorn/Nuts, and more,

Lunch and snacks will be available to purchase from St. Mary Bistro and Santa will be on hand to visit with children.

In addition, there will be an all cash raffle with a top prize of \$1,000; a second prize of \$750; a third prize of \$500 and a 4th prize of \$250. Raffle tickets will be on sale for \$1 after all masses. The drawing will take place at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 7. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

The café is located at 34530 W Michigan Ave, Wayne.

Winterfest Parade planned

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Winterfest Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Dec. 7 and step off at Belleville High School.

Following the parade, the Belleville Christmas tree-lighting ceremony will take place on the lawn of the lawn of the Belleville Area Museum

The museum, which serves Sumpter and Van Buren townships along with the City of Belleville, is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For more information, call (734)697-1944.

Arts council hosts party

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host a Member's Exhibit Reception and Holiday Park celebration the 50th anniversary of the organization from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

There will be hors d'oeuvres and live music along with a silent auction. Artwork from members will be for sale and the

event is open to the public.

The Plymouth Community Arts Council is located at 774 North Sheldon Road in Plymouth.

For more information, call (734) 416-4278.

Commission hosts holiday

Members of the Westland Historical Commission will host "Christmas at the Westland Historical Village" from noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7.

The village, which includes several historic buildings, is located at 857 N. Wayne Road. Photos with Santa will be available and the Caroling Bells will sing holiday carols dressed as Dicken's Characters.

Community Chorus concert set

The award-winning Belleville Community Chorus will present their 14th annual holiday concert, Carols in Candlelight, at 3 p.m. Dec. 8 at Belleville United Methodist Church.

For the second year, the concert has been changed from the previous Saturday evening to the Sunday afternoon performance.

Under the direction of Rachel Parr, accompanied by Judith Weed, the concert will feature songs of the season. Carols in Candlelight will also include songs by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus. As always, the concert is free, though donations supporting the tri-community group are "invited, encouraged and welcomed."

Anyone interested in knowing more about or being part of the Belleville Community Chorus can contact Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

Belleville United Methodist Church is located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville.

Santa visits Maybury Farm

Santa will pay weekend visits to Maybury Farm this year from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 7, 8 and 14 and 15.

Visitors to the farm can enjoy the holiday decorations, visit with Santa in the barn, engage with the farm animals, roast a Smore over the bonfire while enjoying holiday music.

Crafts will be on hand in the general store where hot beverages and treats will be available to purchase. Admission to the weekend events is \$5 per person while children younger than 2 are admitted at no cost.

For more information, call (248) 374-0200 or visit www.mayburyfarm.org. All funds generated from the event will be used to operated the farm and feed the animals.

The farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville, 1-1/4 miles west of Beck Road, and west of Maybury State Park.

Westland decks the hall

The City of Westland will officially celebrate the holiday season when officials Deck the City Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 9. Residents can gather in front of city hall to sing Christmas carols and officially welcome Santa and Mrs. Claus to the "All American City."

Santa, Mrs. Claus and Mayor William R. Wild will light the city Christmas tree and decorations on the grounds and then invite the crowd inside for free cookies and hot cocoa as well as arts and crafts.

There will also be interactive dance activities in order to promote the Westland Healthy City Initiative and children can write out their lists for Santa and put them in Santa's Mailbox where letters are delivered directly to the North Pole.

Children will also have a chance to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. As part of the Westland Compassionate City Initiative, anyone who brings a \$5 per child or \$10 per family monetary donation for "Shop with a Hero" or an unwrapped toy for the Westland Goodfellows toy drive will receive a Fast Pass to see Santa and be able to skip the anticipated line.

Elks host Flying Crowbars

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

Erich Goebel and the Flying Crowbars will perform Dec. 10. Goebel leads with guitar and vocals, Dave Watson on drums, Joe LaBeau on saxophone and Chris Rumel on bass.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Romulus remembers veterans

Again this year, Romulus Memorial Cemetery will participate in National Wreaths Across America event set for noon, Dec. 14.

Annually, in December, ceremonies take place across the country to "remember, honor and teach" including the event at Arlington National Cemetery as well as at more than 1,600 additional locations across the country.

Wreaths Across America is a national event and is a non-profit 501-(c)(3). The public is invited to the Dec. 14 ceremony at Romulus Memorial Cemetery, 10101 Shook Road in Romulus. For more information, contact the Veterans Outreach Committee at (734-955-8964).

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. Jan. 8 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker for the meeting will be Cheryl English who will discuss the Autumn Jewels. Light snacks will be served.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518.

Elks host Blues performance

Blues @ The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge #325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door and dancing is encouraged.

The Kathleen Murray Band will perform Jan. 14. Joining Murray with vocals is Mike Ferencz on guitar, Craig Scott on bass, Bob Bowman on drums and Evan Mercer on keyboard.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com

Bowling fundraiser planned

The Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Friends of the Romulus Library have planned a bowling fundraiser from beginning with registration at 7 p.m. Jan. 18 at Romulus Lanes, 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus

Bowling will begin at 8 p.m.. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$40 per couple which includes three games of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and a soft drink.

There will be a 50/50 raffle and a cash bar.

Organizers said that the event is usually a sell out and urged early ticket purchase. The event is limited to the first 72 bowlers.

For tickets or information, call (734) 893-0694.

Jazz performance scheduled

Jazz @ The Elks take place from 7 until 9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

Pete Siers Organic Roots will perform Tuesday, Jan. 28. Siers will be on drums, Duncan MacMillan on organ, Steve Wood on sax, and Matt LaRusso on guitar.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call (734) 453-1780 or visit www.plyaa325.com .

Mills

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members of the group presented petitions with more than 15,000 signatures protesting the sale of the mills to the commissioners.

Conditions of the sales include restrictions on the development and prohibit the destruction of the mills. The new owners are required by the sale documents to pursue historic recognition of the sites and to provide public use of the former mills. The county has also demanded first right of refusal should the properties ever be placed for sale in the future. If Roko or Cox should ever attempt to sell the property, Wayne County would have the

first option to buy the mills and the land before other offers could be considered.

Assistant County Executive Khalil Rahal said the county had negotiated a purchase agreement that is as close to a lease as possible.

Darga was critical of the attempted compromise and said that if the county already sold the land, there is no impetus for them to buy it back. "It doesn't protect us (the taxpayers). It's better than nothing, but it doesn't protect the land," she said. "We don't want it in private ownership.

Support for the sale has been publicly announced by Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams, Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright and Westland Mayor William R. Wild along with several other area elected officials.

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